



# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Maple Valley Police has **FREE** steering wheel locking devices. If your vehicle model is 1999 or older please call 425-413-5158.

## Tips on How to Prevent Vehicle Thefts

What you should know about vehicle thefts;

-  The estimated total value of vehicles stolen nationwide is more than 4.3 billion.
-  Only 52% of vehicles reported as stolen are recovered.
-  Nearly 74% of all motor vehicles reported stolen are passenger cars.
-  In the United States, a motor vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds.
-  More than half of thefts occur in areas where vehicles are parked without attendants.
-  Nearly half of the thefts are due to driver error like leaving keys in the ignition or leaving doors unlocked.

[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

- Whether you leave your car for a moment or for several hours *always* lock it and take the keys with you.
- **NEVER** leave your vehicle with the engine running.
- Keep the car and house keys on separate rings.
- Never hide an extra key under the hood or underneath the car.
- Never have an identification tag on your car key ring.

*Discourage thieves by purchasing special locks, alarms, or fuel-cutoff switches;*

- Consider purchasing smooth, non-flared locking buttons for your doors.
- Hood locks are available for vehicles with hoods that can be opened from the outside.
- Alarm systems can be installed on your vehicle. They can be wired to go off if any door, hood or trunk is opened.
- Fuel and electrical cutoff switches can be installed to shut off fuel to a vehicle engine shortly after starting if the vehicle is stolen.
- Hidden switches can be wired to prevent starting a car with a stolen key.



## City Wide Crime Statistics: Monthly Comparison

Crime	November 2013	December 2013	January 2014
Residential burglary	2	4	3
Larceny from vehicle	9	12	5
Auto Theft	3	4	1

## Residential Burglary Statistics for January 2014

Location	Approx Time	Day of the Week	Details
20800 block SE 272 <sup>nd</sup> St	6:30pm	Saturday	Forced entry to front door, interrupted by homeowner. Male suspect 6' (no other descriptors) left in dark colored pickup. Suspect took cash from residence.
24000 block SE 260 <sup>th</sup> St	Unknown	Unknown	Forced entry into RV, unknown method. Unknown suspect took automotive repair equipment.
27200 block 212 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	Unknown	Unknown	Non forced entry into unlocked detached garage. Unknown suspect took several tools and personal items.

*To locate crime activities in your neighborhood please visit our website;  
[www.maplevalleywa.gov/police-reports](http://www.maplevalleywa.gov/police-reports)*

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**98038** to **888777**  
 and receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from your local police department.

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